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SUBJECT; DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE DURING THE RECESS IN THE
MULTILATERAL PREPARATORY TALKS ON CSCE
(APRIL 6-25)

1. IN NATO AND EC CONSULTATIONS DURING THE BREAK BETWEEN
MPT II AND IV, OUR ALLIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR VIEW THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO WESTERN CONCESSIONS AT MPT ON THE
ISSUE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO MOSCOW (FRONTIER INVIOABILITY)
UNTIL THE SOVIETS ARE MORE RESPONSIVE ON THE HUMAN CON-
TACTS ISSUE.

2. THUS, THE HARSH SOVIET STATEMENTS ON HUMAN CONTACTS,
MADE JUST PRIOR TO THE END OF MPT III, HAVE CLEARLY
STIFFENED THE ATTITUDES OF A NUMBER OF OUR ALLIES.

3. SHOULD NEITHER THE SOVIETS NOR THE ALLIES SHOW A
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GREATER INCLINATION TO COMPROMISE DURING MPT IV AN IMPASSE
COULD ARISE WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE PROSPECTS
FOR BEGINNING CSCE IN LATE JUNE.

4. SEVERAL OF THE ALLIES (ITALY, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL,
TURKEY, CANADA, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG) STATED THAT THE
LATE JUNE TARGET DATE FOR AN INITIAL CSCE MEETING OF
FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD BE SEEN AS A VERY FLEXIBLE

" GUIDELINE" ONLY. THE ALLIES BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MADE
CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS AT MPT IV THAT THEY SHOULD NOT
EXPECT SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS BY THE ALLIES, PAR-
TICULARLY IN THE HUMAN CONTA MEETING IF NO OTHER COUNTRY IS
PERSUADED TO
COME FORWARD WITH AN INVITATION PRIOR TO ANKAR.
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